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Voyager Team To Headline 1988 Aviation Conference

Voyager pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager will be featured speakers for the Saturday evening banquet at the 1988 Montana Aviation Conference. Their presentation, entitled "The Voyager: One World, One Flight," is a multimedia presentation that recreates their world record-breaking flight.

Montana corporate and individual sponsors have donated funds to pay the Rutan/Yeager guarantee from some of the money they will save through the repeal of the aircraft taxation law and its replacement with the new fee in lieu of tax.

The Conference will be held February 18-20, 1988, at the Plaza Holiday Inn in Billings.

Preregistration forms for the 1988 Montana Aviation Conference will be mailed in

early December along with the 1988 pilot registration information. The 1988 Conference, the fourth to be held since the inception of the Conference in 1985, will include a variety of seminars and workshop sessions as well as headline speakers and an industry trade show.

Although the full range of speakers and programs have not been finalized, the Division has been promised by Dr. Jerry Cockrell that he would attend again this year. Dr. Cockrell will be remembered by past Conference attendees for his aviation humor as well as for his well-taught seminars.

The Conference will officially begin with a kick-off luncheon on Thursday noon. Friday's schedule will include a hosted luncheon and a hospitality hour on Friday

evening in the exhibit area.

A special speaker will be featured at a Saturday luncheon with the Voyager crew to appear on Saturday evening. Seminars and workshop sessions will be scheduled all three days, and the FAA will hold a listening session.

The Conference will also feature special entertainment with door prizes given away during meal functions and hospitality hours. Aviation groups will hold business and/or board meetings.

Registration fees for the 1988 Conference will be \$25 for an individual, \$35 for a family. Registration allows for admittance to all sessions and the exhibit area and will include tickets for hospitality hours. Meal tickets will be sold separately.

Because the Montana Agricultural Trade Exposition (MATE) will be held in Billings the same weekend as the Conference, motel rooms may be at a premium. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ROOMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Rooms at the Holiday will be \$45 in the original hotel and \$55 in the Atrium Tower. Call the Holiday at 248-7701.

Preregistration forms along with more Conference information will be included in the December issue of Montana and the Sky. Mark your calendar and plan to be in Billings!



Administrator's Column

Vandalism Against Aircraft. I have been reading with growing concern several accounts of aircraft vandalism which have taken place on Montana airports during the past several months. This is, of course, an unlawful act in Montana; and, in addition, it is a FEDERAL OFFENSE. Sometimes this type of thing is more of a mischievous act committed by vandals who have no idea or knowledge of the seriousness which could result from such an unlawful act. Even more intolerable is such an act which is carefully planned and deliberately carried out with full knowledge of the seriousness which could result. This type of vandalism is also much more difficult to detect in a preflight inspection. In either case, I would strongly recommend that we all take more time and perform more thorough preflight inspections on our aircraft. And further, if anything unusual is found, report it to your county sheriff, airport security police, or city police (whichever is appropriate), the FAA, and the FBI. The telephone number for the FAA Northwest Mountain Region Civil Aviation Security Division is 206-431-2720, and the telephone number for the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Butte is 782-2304.

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DOT/FAA Requires New N-Numbers and ID. In response to urging by the U.S. Customs Service, the FAA has issued a new rule which becomes effective March 7, 1988, and will require all aircraft penetrating an Air Defense Identification Zone or a Defense Early Warning Identification Zone to have 12-inch high nationality and registration marks displayed. If such surfaces are not large enough for 12-inch letters, then they must be as large as practical. Some aircraft, such as antiques, will be granted a "grandfather" exemption. To get some clarification on ADIZ and DEWIZ, I called Mr. Joseph J. Gwiazdowski of the FAA's Aircraft Manufacturing Division in Washington, D.C., and learned that aircraft crossing from Canada into the contiguous U.S. will NOT be affected by this new rule, but aircraft entering ALASKA from Canada (or anywhere else) and aircraft entering the contiguous U.S. from Mexico MUST comply. The new rule will, in addition to the 12-inch N-Numbers, require that ALL aircraft (except those grandfathered) have identification plates on the exterior of the fuselage near the most aft door. Supplemental ID plates, decals, or painted markings will be permitted if it is more practical or desirable to leave the original ID plate where the manufacturer installed it. Only the model designation and serial number will be required on "supplemental" ID. NOTE: THIS RULE APPLIES TO ALL GA AIRCRAFT, AND THE DEADLINE DATE IS MARCH 7, 1988.

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TCA Restriction Lifted. FAA Administrator McArtor has agreed to lift the GA VFR restriction he hastily implemented for the Los Angeles Terminal Control Area in August immediately after taking his new office. VFR aircraft will be permitted in the restored VFR corridor without having encoding altimeters. There are some additional changes in the TCA procedures which are being considered and may include a special VHF radio frequency for pilots to communicate with one another, establishment of some VFR transition routes for faster GA aircraft, and removal of restrictions for VFR aircraft at some other airports within the Los Angeles TCA. These and other possible changes are anticipated to become effective in February 1988. Reportedly, the L.A. TCA restrictions were creating serious safety concerns along the TCA border fringes as well as overloading the controller system capability. There are many who are saying, "We told you so"; however, this is good news to the VFR GA pilots and the airports within the affected TCA, not to mention the FAA controllers.



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Ferguson Elected to NASAO Post

Michael D. Ferguson, administrator of the Montana Aeronautics Division, was elected second vice president of the National Association of State Aviation Officials at their annual convention held October 18-21 in Lexington, Kentucky. He will serve a one-year term of office in this position beginning January 1, 1988.

Elected president of the organization was Arnold Stymest, executive director, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. Jack Kemmerly, chief, Division of Aeronautics, California Department of Transportation, was elected first vice president.

State aviation officials from around the nation have been meeting annually since 1931 to provide a forum for states to discuss issues concerning the continuing development of the national air transportation system.

The National Association of State Aviation Officials represents the state government aviation service agencies in all the states, as well as the aviation departments of Puerto Rico and Guam. Its members are the aeronautics commissions and departments created under the laws of states to foster, develop and regulate aviation at the local and state levels.

The primary purpose of NASAO as an association is to foster and encourage cooperation and mutual aid among the states, as well as federal and local governments, in the development of state and national air transportation systems that will be responsive to the regional, state, and national needs. NASAO's primary objective is the promotion of adequate aviation services and facilities for the entire United States public.

Project Under Way at Dillon

Work is under way to regrade the crosswind runway (7/25) at Dillon and to im-

Montana 99s Meet in Helena

By: Pat Johnson, Helena

At a meeting in Helena on November 7, eleven members of the Montana Ninety-Nines were given an overview of the duties of FAA Flight Standards by Art Wells, FSDO manager, and an overview of portions of ATC by Dick Joswick, Helena Tower chief. After lunch the group toured the tower and held a business meeting.

Art Wells mentioned the increase in staffing that FAA has recently experienced because Congress and the administration are directing the FAA to increase regulatory functions. He answered questions regarding particular FARs and questions regarding how this will affect individual pilots. Apparently, pilots can expect ramp checks of their paperwork in the aircraft.

At the end of the morning he showed a 35-minute videotape on collision avoidance that Ron Waterman helped produce. The tape is available from him at the Helena FAA office.

Dick Joswick contrasted TRSAs with ARSAs and answered questions regarding controlled airspace. He also discussed special VFR clearances and handed out material on the topics he discussed. Since there was a great variety of experience among the group, discussion was quite stimulating.

Some highlights of the business meeting included Ninety-Nine participation in the Montana Aviation Conference in February; information on AOPA legal services from a Bozeman member who is an AOPA attorney; and discussion of exploring the possibility of offering a scholarship to a female pilot to assist her in obtaining a license.

Ninety-Nines is an organization of women pilots that has as its purpose the promotion of aviation and of women in aviation. Any woman who holds at least a private certificate is welcome to join. For further information, contact Dorothy Albright, president, at Box 307, Roundup, MT 59072, or call her at 323-1709.

FLYING FARMERS MEET IN LEWISTOWN



New officers for the Montana Flying Farmers are installed by International Flying Farmer Secretary Dave Sweigart (left). They are: Frank Kummerfeldt, Nashua, president; Marilyn Lewis, Helena, secretary/treasurer; Jim Lewis, Helena, newsletter editor; Dick Strouf, Moccasin, and Gayle Johnson, Wolf Point, new directors; and Herb Sammons, outgoing president. Vice President Charles Hanson, Cut Bank, and Al Schmitt, Frazer, director, are not pictured. The Flying Farmers convention was held October 2-4 in Lewistown.



Marilyn and Jim Lewis introduce new Teens/Junior organization officers Kendall Johnson, Wolf Point, and Melissa Bogar, Laurel.





Luncheon speaker was Noel Bullock, Regional Director of Aerospace Education for the Rocky Mountain Liaison Region of the CAP, who gave a very interesting presentation on World War I aviation. President Herb Sammons presented him with a copy of Frank Wiley's book, *Montana and the Sky*, while Bullock gave Herb Sammons a specially engraved mug.



Everyone gets involved, and these two little girls are completely absorbed in putting their own airplanes together.



Ruth Sondreson, Polebridge, painted and donated this beautiful painting which was won by Bob Drake, Strathmore, Alberta.



State and international Flying Farmer royalty are pictured here. They are (from left) Mary Bogar, new International Flying Farmer Queen from Laurel and Opheim; Sheila Nelson, new Montana Flying Farmer Queen from Moore; and Kay Riggan, International Flying Farmer Duchess from Raymondville, Texas.

SCOUTS LEARN ABOUT AVIATION



MAMA MEETS IN HELENA



Attendees at the MAMA meeting included not only Montana airport managers but representatives of the FAA and Montana engineering and consulting firms and the Montana Aeronautics Division.



New manager of Helena Regional Ron Mercer (left) goes over the program with Bruce Putnam, director of Aviation and Transit, Billings.



This was the last MAMA meeting for Bud Kelleher (center), manager of Helena Regional Airport, as he has now officially retired. He is congratulated here by Russ Pankey, manager of Missoula International (left), and Joe Attwood, manager of Great Falls International.



FAA Issues Certificates

PRIVATE

Lawrence Wirtala	Helena
Michael Moran	Whitefish
Jay Jopling	Missoula
Cecil Anderson	Lolo
Mark Crain	Missoula
Jeffrey Keller	Missoula
Casey Workman	Great Falls
Michael Best	Great Falls
Robert Dettwiler	Columbia Falls
Marc Gallo	Whitefish
Michael James	Kalispell
George Wood	Libby
Jo An Marquardt	Polebridge
Leland Sampson	Butte
Craig Carlson	Great Falls
Darryl Smith	Bozeman
Scott Farmer	Billings
Patrick Kenney	Billings
James Woodcock	Billings
George Andrikopoulos	Billings
John McCracken	Colstrip
Todd Erickson	Butte
Florence Blain	Billings
Michael Wehrman	Billings
Daniel Rice	Great Falls
Paul Bowman	Helena
Kelly Barton	Billings
Dale Lunder	Billings
Todd Fickler	Drummond
Richard Lewis	Seeley Lake

Edwin Kowachek	Missoula
Paul Abel	Missoula
Jerry Olson	Clinton
Carla Dove	Missoula
Mark Ross	Polebridge
Steven Wetstein	Bozeman
Brian-Lee Weber	Bozeman
Melvin Butts	Bozeman
James Dutton	Forsyth
David Littlefield	Hardin
Erik McCarthy	Butte
Robert Efinger	Polson
Deidra Fuller	Billings

COMMERCIAL

Daniel Whitford	Glendive
Gene Ypma	Harrison

MULTI-ENGINE

Eric Schimpff	Kalispell
Dale Klugman	Helena
Dennis Sacry	Whitehall
John Semple	Helena
David Gellner	Billings
William Warwood	Bozeman

ATP

Dwite Green	Billings
Gary Jorgenson	Billings

INSTRUMENT

Alan Lerner	Bigfork
Douglas Egel	Billings
James Roth	Kalispell
Richard Nash	Missoula

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Former FAA Administrator to Become President of AOPA Air Safety Foundation.

Donald D. Engen, former administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, has been named president of the Air Safety Foundation of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. The announcement was made by AOPA President John Baker at the AOPA annual convention in Las Vegas in October.

Engen, the first administrator of the FAA to have also served as a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, assumes his duties immediately. He is a retired Navy Vice Admiral and has been a manufacturing executive for Piper Aircraft.

As an active general aviation pilot and long-time AOPA member, Engen is well

versed in all aspects of general aviation and said he looks forward to working directly again with general aviation pilots.

Engen has flown 6,000 hours in 240 different types of aircraft. He holds a current commercial pilot's license with instrument and glider ratings.

Legislation Introduced Creating Independent FAA. Aviation leaders in the Senate have introduced a proposal separating the Federal Aviation Administration from the Department of Transportation.

Under S.1600, the FAA would be established as an independent agency. The Administrator would be appointed by the President for a seven-year term. In general, the FAA's responsibilities would remain the same.

MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION

PURPOSE—"To foster aviation, as an industry, as a mode of transportation for the national defense; to join with the Federal Government and other governments in the advancement of aviation; to develop uniform laws and regulations; and to provide mutual aid among the several states."



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